

# Cycling Ireland Grading Explained

## Open Senior, Masters & Women

### Category 3 (C3) or (W3)

- First time Full Comp license holders
- Riders from promoting club competing in open events on Limited Comp licence
- M60 may opt for downgrade to Category 3
- M50 may opt for downgrade to C3 at discretion of Cycling Ireland Events Leader in consultation with Sports and Operations Director
- There will be 2 upgrading reviews per year – mid year review (following CI National Road Championships) all C3 riders with the exception of M60, holding 45 or more points, will be automatically upgraded to C2
- End of Season – the same process will apply to any C3 riders with the exception of M60, who reach the end of the road season and hold 45 or more points will be automatically upgraded to C2 for the following season

### Category 2 (C2) or (W2)

- Riders who have amassed 45 points as C3 may opt for immediate upgrade to C2.
- M50 may opt for downgrade to C2
- M40 may opt for downgrade to C2 at discretion of Cycling Ireland Events Leader in consultation with Sports and Operations Director
- There will be 2 upgrading reviews per year – mid year review (following CI National Road Championships) all C2 riders with the exception of M50, holding 45 or more points, will be automatically upgraded to C1
- End of Season – the same process will apply any C2 riders with the exception of M50, who reach the end of the road season and hold 45 or more points will be automatically upgraded to C1 for the following season

### Category 1 (C1) & (C+) or (W1) & (W+)

- Riders who have amassed 45 points as C2 may opt for immediate upgrade to C1.
- Category C+ riders race with Category C1 domestically and are displayed in the C1/C+ rankings

### General Comments

- There will be no automatic downgrade of categories – any rider wishing to be considered for a downgrade should contact the Cycling Ireland Events Leader – giving details that can be considered in any review of grade.
- All riders start the following season with Zero points in their grade for the next season
- Rider points go back to zero when a category upgrade is applied

## **Open Junior**

### Category 3 (C3) or (W3)

- All first time Junior license holders
- Category 3 Juniors may opt to race up a Category for National Grade events
- Mandatory category upgrade will be enforced immediately upon reaching points threshold of 30 points

### Category 2 (C2) or (W2)

- Junior Riders who have amassed 30 points as a Category 3
- Category 2 Juniors may opt to race up a Category for National Grade events
- First Year C2 juniors on reaching 45 or more points, may be upgraded to C1 upon approval from our HP Pathway Coaches.
- Second Year C2 juniors reaching 45 or more points, will be automatically upgraded to C1

### Category 1 (C1) or (W1)

- Junior Riders who have amassed 45 points as a Category 2

### General Comments

- Cycling Ireland High Performance Department withhold the right to make reasonable amendments to license categories at Junior level
- Junior points go back to zero when a category upgrade is applied
- Upon turning Senior, Junior riders will maintain their category

**All the above rules will apply also to Women's Grades however they are known as W+, W1, W2 & W3**

Points Band	Road Race Classification	Criterion Classification	Time Trial Classification	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Band 1	Snr Nat Championship			60	50	45	40	35	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2	
Band 2	Jnr Nat Championship			30	25	20	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	National Grade																							
	Stage Race GC																							
Band 3	National Championship <sup>2</sup>	National Championship		20	15	12	10	8	5	4	3	2	1											
	Regional A Grade <sup>3</sup>																							
Band 4	Regional B Grade <sup>4</sup>	National Grade		10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1													
	Stage Race																							
	Provincial Championships																							
	Masters-only																							
Band 5	County Championships	Regional A Grade	UCI National Championship <sup>1</sup>	5	4	3	2	1																
			Stage Race																					
Band 6	Regional C Grade <sup>5</sup>	Regional B Grade <sup>5</sup>	National Championship <sup>6</sup>	3	2	1																		
	<20 Starters																							
Non-Ranking	Local	Local	Local	0																				

Key	
1	Elite, U23, Jnr
2	Gravel, Masters
3	=>80km
4	<80km
5	Mon-Thur Open
6	Masters, Hill Climb